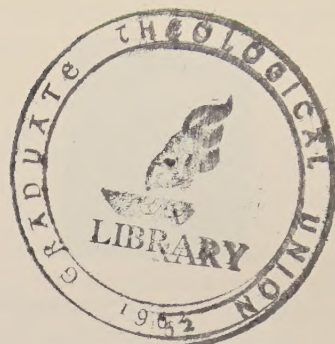




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Beloved in Christ,

Into our world, darkened by sin, and experiencing all the agonies that result from sin and Satan, came Light and Life and Peace and Joy and Hope—all in the Person of God's Son, Jesus Christ, whose birthday we celebrate on Christmas. He is the Father to the orphan, Husband to the widow, Comforter to the bereaved, Guide to the confused, Wisdom to the ignorant, Strength to the weak, Hope to the hopeless, the Great Physician to the sick, Peace to the anxious, Savior to the lost and Shepherd to the saved.

"Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love Him. But God hath revealed them unto us by His Spirit." That astounding revelation is that "He hath chosen us in Christ before the foundation of the world,...unto the adoption of sons by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will." He has chosen us to share His glory and reign with His Son, Jesus, throughout eternity. The very thought of it staggers our imagination. It should also cause us to rejoice in Him always and to serve Him with a glad heart.

Our suffering world today needs that message of hope and love. Let us, together, share it in word and in deed.

From the entire staff we extend to you and yours our very best wishes for a Blessed Christmas.

Roger W. Otterson
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Calvin Wease





“Until He Comes”

Key-note message of Convocation '80 by General Overseer Roger W. Ottersen

Tonight opens a very important segment in the life of the Christian Catholic Church. What would you say if you were standing here instead of me tonight? What would be your emphasis to the fellowship of this church? The Convocation can just be another series of meetings or it can be a spiritual highpoint in the life of our church - if by faith we allow God to make it so.

After spending a great deal of time in prayer, we felt very strongly led of God to choose the theme, “UNTIL HE COMES.” It is not our desire that the Convocation this year be a study of eschatology - a study of prophetic events yet to be fulfilled, but rather, in view of His coming, - what should characterize our lives? What should be our response as individuals, or as a corporate body of believers, to the coming of Jesus Christ?

Let us take a moment to think about the importance of the doctrine of the second coming of Jesus Christ. It is a very prominent doctrine in Scripture for one out of every thirty verses throughout the Bible has reference to His second coming. For every mention of the first advent of Jesus Christ there are seven references to His second advent. In fact, the second advent of Christ is mentioned three hundred eighteen times in the scripture.

Jesus Christ, Himself, bore testimony that He would come again.

“Let not your heart be troubled, ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father’s house are many mansions. If it were not so I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you, and if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again.” I Thessalonians 4:16, 17

Certainly, the second coming of Jesus Christ is an important doctrine of our Christian faith.

Let us think a little about the nature of His second coming. The Bible distinctively teaches that it will be a personal, visible and bodily return. Also, His coming will be for the church. First Thessalonians teaches that those who have died in faith will be resurrected to newness of life, and those who are alive and remain will be

caught up together with them in the air. This is referred to as the “rapture” of the church.

The Bible also teaches that one day He will come with His church. The second coming of Christ covers a period of time. Just as His first advent covered over thirty years, including His birth, baptism, ministry, crucifixion, resurrection and ascension, so the second coming of Christ will cover a period of time beginning with the rapture - when the church will be caught up to meet the Lord in the air. This will be followed by the great tribulation - a time of trouble never before experienced on planet earth. Then a wonderful thing will happen, for Jesus is going to come with His church. This will usher in the millennial kingdom whereby Jesus will reign for a thousand years. At the end of this period of time there will be the great white throne judgement. This judgement believers need not fear, for those who belong to Jesus Christ will not be there. The great white throne judgement will be the judgement of the Christless dead who have rejected the Lord and His great plan of salvation.

What is the purpose of His coming? For the church we can say that the purpose of His coming is to raise the righteous dead and to change the righteous living. The Bible says that “in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, we shall be changed.” What a wonderful thing that will be. If Jesus were to call today - right now - would you be ready?

I think there are two basic wrong attitudes concerning His coming. One is feverish expectation which leads to fanaticism. From time to time we read about a group of people who sell their homes, cars and go to the top of a mountain or in a basement to await the coming of Jesus. I believe this to be a wrong attitude. Jesus never taught us that we should sell everything, quit work and do nothing until He comes. The second wrong attitude, which I think to be far worse, is the attitude of cold indifference and neglect. As feverish expectation leads to fanaticism, cold indifference leads to sensualism and worldiness. We live as though he is not coming and we do not care. If this be the case; then what should be our thinking concerning His

coming? I believe that Peter in his second epistle, as a loving pastor, gives four admonitions that we need to consider. He is speaking to his brothers and sisters in Christ and speaking as an undershepherd of God to the flock over which he has been made responsible.

The first seven verses of II Peter 3 may be summed up in the words: “Beloved, be mindful.” Particularly in verse two he says

“That ye may be mindful of the words which were spoken before by the holy prophets, and of the commandment of us the apostles of the Lord and Saviour.”

This is a warning to be mindful of the word of God lest we be led astray by false doctrine or careless living and the return of Christ catch us unprepared. Peter also declared what the attitude of the world would be — that they would scoff at the very idea of Jesus returning to this world. Jude also spoke of the attitude of the world in the days preceeding Jesus’ return in the words:

“But, beloved, remember ye the words which were spoken before by the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ;

How they told you there should be mockers in the last time, who should walk after their own ungodly lusts.”

(Jude 17, 18)

The world does not understand the meaning of history and does not see that all of history is headed for that final event: the return of Christ and the setting up of His kingdom. To large numbers of people all about us today, the suggestion of the personal return of Jesus Christ is received with scoffing unbelief.

That the church not be influenced by the world’s unbelief, Peter wrote his second epistle saying,

“Beloved, I now write unto you, in both of which I stir up your pure minds by way of remembrance, that ye may be mindful of the words which were spoken before by the holy prophets, and of the commandment of us, the apostles of the Lord and Savior; knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days, scoffers, walking after their own lusts, and saying, ‘Where is

he promise of his coming?"

(II Peter 3:1-4a)

He urged them to listen to both the words of the prophets and the apostles and to pay earnest attention to what has been said "Lest they be led away with the error of the wicked, and fall from their own steadfastness."

Another warning that Peter gave was to "be diligent." That is the emphasis which I would leave with you tonight, at the beginning of our Convocation, and for the days ahead.

"Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure; for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall."

(II Peter 1:10)

Peter would say to us assembled here tonight, "Be sure that you belong to Christ!" Do not have a "hope-so" or a "think-so" faith, but make sure that you are a Christian. Be diligent also to be not only a Christian, but a growing Christian.

"And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue, knowledge; and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, patience; and to patience, godliness; and to godliness, brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness, love."

"For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ."

(II Peter 1:5-8)

The coming of Jesus Christ is a strong motivation for godly living even as John also pointed out in his first epistle:

"Beloved, now are we the children of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be, but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is. And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself even as he is pure."

(I John 3:2,3)

Peter's warning and emphasis on diligence in the light of the return of Christ is also seen in II Peter 3:14:

"Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot, and blameless."

Are you living in peace? Do you now peace **with** God, and do you now the peace **of** God in your heart? Are you living in peace with others in your home or at your work place? God promises the "peace that passes all understanding" to those who by prayer

and supplication, with thanksgiving, make their requests known to God, and trust Him. (See Philippians 4:6,7) We are also reminded by the prophet Isaiah that there is no peace to those who are not trusting and living for God. (See Isaiah 48:22)

Peter's final admonition is found in II Peter 3:17,18. These two verses serve both as a warning to Christians and as an exhortation or encouragement to them.

"Ye therefore, beloved, seeing that ye know these things before, beware lest ye also, being led away with the error of the wicked, fall from your own steadfastness."

"But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever. Amen."

The danger of falling from our steadfastness of faith or becoming careless in our lives is very real for every Christian. It is easy to drift away from the Lord, grow cold in our love for Him and for His people and His work, and even to drift into false doctrine and heresy. The only way to retain our steadfastness is to "grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ." This means feeding daily on the Word of God, seeking to obey its every injunction.

We are to grow in both grace and knowledge. Head knowledge is not enough. We must grow also in grace. Grace is putting into action the knowledge that God gives to us about Himself. Grace results from faith and obedience.

The teachings of Jesus and the ethics of Christianity appeal to some who otherwise resent taking the Bible too literally or who may resent the doctrines of atonement, redemption, justification by faith, etc. yet to accept only that portion of the Bible that appeals to our own intellect is to set ourselves up as gods in rejection of the one true God—the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Peter would have us learning and living the Word of God—ever growing in the knowledge and likeness of our Lord Jesus Christ—to whom be glory both now and forever.

Our 1980 Convocation theme is "UNTIL HE COMES." Think of those three words separately. Say them slowly with the emphasis each time you say it on a different word. Let these words sink deeply into our hearts. With that theme in our minds, let us

consider several related Scripture passages:

"UNTIL HE COMES"

"For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present age, looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Savior, Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a people of his own, zealous of good works."

(Titus 2:11-14)

"This is a faithful saying, and these things I will that thou affirm constantly, that they who have believed in God might be careful to maintain good works. These things are good and profitable unto men."

(Titus 3:8)

Until Jesus comes, our job is to preach and teach, to witness and share the love of Jesus, ever seeking to lead to others to a saving faith in Him.

Every time we sing "O Zion, Haste!" I choke up for it was that song that God used to get hold of my heart one Sunday evening in Indiana.

*O, Zion, haste, thy mission high fulfilling,
To tell to all the world that God is Light;
That he who made all nations is not willing
One soul should perish, lost in shades of night.*

*Proclaim to every people, tongue, and nations,
That God, in whom they live and move, is Love:*

*Tell how he stooped to save his lost creation,
And died on earth that man might live above.*

*He comes again: O Zion, ere thou meet him,
Make known to every heart this saving grace;
Let none whom he hath ransomed fail to greet him,*

Through thy neglect, unfit to see his face.

*Publish glad tidings, tidings of peace,
Tidings of Jesus, redemption and release.*

Jesus Christ is coming again, and I believe that He is coming soon. Until He comes, we have a big job to do. Our mission field extends from our own community to the ends of the world. The need and challenge both at home and abroad is awesome. I call upon this fellowship to unite together in the cause of Jesus Christ—to be faithful and diligent....UNTIL HE COMES.

MISSIONS

"So we ourselves ought to support such people . . . to be fellow workers with them in the truth." III John 8.

Angola, Africa

(Letter from Darrell and Barbara Hockersmith)

October 21, 1980

Dear Friends,

Tuesday finally brought some wonderful relief to the terrific heat we were having. It just poured buckets of water, but along with it came big hailstones, that ripped to shreds our lettuce leaves and on the guava and paw-paw trees; however, it seemed to just come in the city, so that fruit trees around the city were spared. Since then, we have had no more rain, but areas around must have, because the atmosphere is better and cooler. This Sunday afternoon, the wind has been blowing hard into the window beside me, but these nights are wonderful for sleeping.

We hear of only misery all around us. This afternoon I could have cried my heart out. A wife with her one and a half year old daughter came to visit me. Her husband has been in prison since the end of last year and she has no means of income. Both she and the little girl have been very ill and today the little one is so lethargic. She was walking, but is too weak to do so now. Has been in treatment - both of them, but little girl continues with fever, etc., etc. How can we begin to help them all??? In Luena, Huambo, etc. the cities are crowded with people. With the heat has come mosquitos and flies and illnesses and death - all compounded by the fact, there isn't food to eat! A friend who came from Luena said they are throwing bodies into the river rather than bury them, but the same water they use to drink and cook their food! Flies, flies, and more flies and mosquitos. With weakened bodies, plus inadequate medical help — doctors, and medicines, people are just dying. One pastor said, he hardly finishes with one funeral when someone else comes rapping on the door asking him to conduct a funeral for their loved one. What difference will there be in the future??

Darrell with Abias, Pastor Saulo, Antonio Galangue and a youth left Friday morning for Mikozi, a refugee camp, where a number of believers desired to be baptized. They trust to return some time tomorrow evening.

Tuesday (21st) — Well, one never knows what a night will bring. Sunday, at midnight, I awoke with pain in my tummy and thus began much diarrhea and vomiting until 6 a.m. I'm feeling better this morning, but not much energy. I was in bed all day yesterday with fever, etc., but thankfully the symptoms are gone and by end of today, I should feel better. Dr. Bob had a bout with diarrhea after his return from Cavango and discovered he has **giardia** and is on treatment. Ritva went to Kalukembe with Betty and the electrician who arrived at 4:30 Saturday afternoon (instead of scheduled time of 8:10 a.m. - they waited in Luanda airport from 5:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.) and on Sunday she began to feel bad, but made it back to Lubango by 6:00 a.m. before she really came down with diarrhea. Thus goes life!

Darrell and the men returned yesterday right at noon, so I was thankful to see him. They had an excellent trip and 18 were baptized. Now, he is out making many stops for one thing or another. A wire punctured one of his tubeless tires and we are now in problems for tires once again.

He is willing to take the wife of Basilio and little girl to Kalukembe, but as yet she hasn't come by today to make arrangements, so I'm not sure whether she will come or not.

A good letter from the Zigrangs this past week, but they are finding it very hard adjusting to their new home and still no water or lights and they had only 20 liters of kerosene (use for both lights and cooking) left and none in the city, so they need much prayer. Bible School had started, but they were going to take the week to try and get settled, before they started teaching. Elizabeth was happy to have them there finally.

This past week, Bob cut Belva's cast back to just below her knee and put an iron caliber on foot for walking; however, she said she couldn't be up long or her foot swelled, so she was still spending most of her time in bed.

Very little mail for us this week, but our Mission statement did come through.

Our neighbor, Sr. Manuel, left the

house this a.m. at 5:00 in his car and we couldn't figure out where he had gone, but learned that he went to stand in the line to buy meat! At that hour, he got No. 6 - 5 ahead of him. He returned to the house later to say that meat would be sold at 11 a.m.! Sometimes, they then learn that there won't be any at all! So goes life for everything in this land.

I'm afraid my head doesn't want to think much this a.m., so might as well close. At least you know we are ok.

Love in Christ,
Darrell and
Barbara
C.P. 33
LUBANGO
Rep. Pop de
ANGOLA
Africa

New York

(Letter from Mr. Mike Grigas, serving under the Slavic Gospel Mission, in evangelism to Russian emigres in New York)

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Dear Pastor Minton,

As requested, I am sending you a little more information of what I am doing in New York. I can truly say that outside of desiring to be in the Lord's presence, there is no other place I would rather be. I arrived October 10th and have enjoyed being here ever since. Within a few days of my arrival the Lord graciously provided me with a nice apartment in Queens. I room with two Russian emigres who are from Riga, Latvia. Though short on furnishings, I have learned to make the necessary adjustments.

In terms of the ministry, I attend a Russian church in lower Manhattan which is the most active in reaching the emigres. Many of the other workers attend this church also. Four other organizations work with the Slavic Gospel Association in reaching the Russians of New York. They are: Campus Crusade, American Board of Missions to the Jews, Slavic Missionary Service, and the Baptist Union. Right now, we are making efforts to rent ar

For Praise & Prayer



Mike Grigas, sharing something of his work with the Slavonic Gospel Association, with John and Lydia Richards following a Convocation meeting.

office in Manhattan so that we can be more accessible to the people. We are looking to the Lord to open the right door.

Despite lack of an office we have been able to conduct some outreach activities. On the fourth Saturday of each month we work with a coffee-house which is run by the Baptist Union. The October meeting went very well with many Russians attending and there was an openness to discussing the Gospel. These meetings also provide opportunities for contacts for further personal follow up.

Another outreach ministry is the starting of English classes. These will be held in a Baptist Church not far from where I live. Another event, planned for November 7-9 is a weekend away to Ashland, Connecticut, to a camp, run by the Russian Ukrainian Baptist Union. About fifty emigres have signed up for this, and I am really looking forward to ministry possibilities at that time.

The spiritual need is great here in New York, and we greatly need the prayers of God's people.

In His Love,
Mike Grigas

Manila, Philippines

Letter from Larry & Jan Allen)

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Do you remember Elaine and Lydia, the high school girls we asked you to

pray for in our last letter? Today Elaine was baptized at the church they have been attending here in Manila. Lydia has also put her faith in Christ but wants to wait until she is back in Kibungan to be baptized. What a thrill it has been to see their eagerness in studying the Scriptures night after night with Jan and to share their burden for their families and friends back in Kibungan. Thank you so much for praying!

Just last Sunday we received word that five Bible studies have been started in the Kibungan area by our co-workers with the New Tribes Mission. One is being held in the old municipal hall with the vice-mayor, Atayoc Bay-an, another in the home of the Espiritista

cult leader, Fermin Mariano. Lydia couldn't help jumping for joy when she heard the news. Fermin is her father!

God gave us the privilege, as translators, of providing the seed, and we are overjoyed to see that seed now being planted and watered. Please pray earnestly that God would keep Satan from snatching it away before it has a chance to take root.

Yours in Christ's
love,
Larry & Jan Allen
Christy & Marty

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Convocation Testimonies

An important part of our annual convocations and a source of great blessing are the testimonies shared by so many, telling of what God has been doing in the lives of our people. Two such testimonies are included here and perhaps other testimonies will be shared later.

TESTIMONY OF DOTTIE (MRS. CARL) KLAWONN

Someone at a Vesper Service, said, "If you don't feel as close to God today as you did yesterday—guess who moved." That made a great impression on me. I have often been blessed at the realization of how constant, caring, and loving God is to me in my daily life, even if I waver. He has not only answered prayers and helped me in big matters, but He is so faithful in my day to day life.

Early this year, my husband felt a strong desire to be a part of the Passion Play cast. Realizing that I would see him even less than usual, I decided to become involved with him. My feeling at that time was that the director, cast, and stage crew would be the ones to serve but the blessing would be to those in the audience. How wrong I was!

Serving with a great number of others, enjoying fellowship with some that I had not previously become ac-

quainted with, and praying with others for the cast, stage crew, and those who attended the performances brought great blessing to my heart. Seeing two of our sons also becoming involved and faithfully serving also brought joy to my heart. Perhaps best of all was the joy of being united with my husband in service for Christ.

Yes, serving in the Zion Passion Play has been a blessed experience—and to think I that almost settled for buying a ticket and seeing it once...

We are fortunate in our church to have so many opportunities for service, and I am so thankful that serving in the Passion Play has become a family affair and blessing.

TESTIMONY OF LAURAL KACSH

My favorite Bible verse has been Col. 3:23, "*Whatsoever you do - do it heartily and unto the Lord...*" Doing whatever I had to do for the Lord gave it real meaning and purpose, and I guess because I put such a big emphasis on doing and keeping busy the Lord decided to teach me some new truths as, "Be still and know that I am God..." and "they that wait on the Lord shall renew their strength," and so allowed me to take a little unusual vacation this spring.

Since the beginning of our garage print shop about four years ago, it has been a real testimony to our Lord. There is not a single piece of equipment in our shop that the Lord has not miraculously supplied or led us to the right people at the right time for the right price. As our business has grown, it has been my joy to be out there working by my husband's side in accomplishing the work that we feel the Lord has called us to. At my urging he taught me how to set type and then to run our hand-fed press. In this capacity I was able to take a load of work off his shoulders and my sense of accomplishment was a delightful reward. In early May of this year I was working at "my" press imprinting some pre-numbered invoices. Because they were already numbered it was very important not to mess any of them up. I got one invoice a little crooked on the feed board and as I tried to straighten it the press closed shut on my right hand. Needless to say I got a little more of an impression than I had planned on.

Glenn rushed me to the hospital as a dear Christian friend and neighbor watched our children. At that time I knew my fingers were badly smashed and they sure did hurt but I just expected that at the hospital they would clean them and bandage them up and whatever else they might need and send me home. After the examination and x-rays the doctor returned to share some grave news. The Lord gave me such a peace at that time that I chose to tell Glenn instead of the hospital staff. As I reflect back now, the peace that I was given must have come as God heard and answered the prayers of the Ladies' Bible Study prayer chains who had been given the request.

The two middle fingertips on my right hand were crushed and I was to be kept in the hospital for observation and prepared for surgery. The emergency room physician felt that they were crushed so badly that the blood flowing system was damaged beyond repair and that the tips to the first joints might have to be removed! A hand surgeon was recommended and surgery was postponed until the following morning. Although the nursing staff neglected their specific instructions, God was more than faithful through the night. In the morning the surgery involved repairing the fingernail beds, pinning a broken misplaced bone in the ring finger, not removing anything other than fingernails.

During the following months as I

was to go to the doctor every few days, then weeks, and finally months, a core of women from our church organized to bring dinner to our family every night for six weeks and my dear friend and neighbor showed up almost every morning to sweep, help get the older boys off to school and dress the baby until I was able to start doing these things for myself again.

After a couple of weeks, the bandages were removed and I was instructed to start soaking them in hot soapy water. Oh, the fingers looked so awful, and where the old fingernails had been set back in place I could see the plastic reconstruction of the nail beds. As I plunged them into the hot water I could not feel a thing. All the tears I had not shed through this whole ordeal broke through the dam and flooded all over. I had absolutely no control. To say this was upsetting to me and the family cannot even begin to describe the situation. But God who made the whole universe knew and understood my every need and He had prepared an understanding and

reassuring ear that would also deliver dinner that night. As I was cleaning up from dinner that same night the tears began to flow again and then the phone rang. God used another messenger to convey love and reassurance. Not having been raised in a Christian home, to be a part of the loving and caring family of the Christian Catholic Church has been and is just a foretaste of heaven to me.

It has been months now since the accident, and my Lord has seen me through all the pain and therapy. I cannot quite make a complete fist but the first joint in my ring finger is not stiff like the doctor warned me it might be. The surgeon also felt that with the nailbeds being crushed so badly I might never grow new fingernails, but there they are. As God continues the healing process the pain has almost disappeared and the feeling sensations and sensitivities are returning. My hand is almost back to normal now, but the way God has touched me through this situation I know I will never be the same again.

Convocation '80



MINISTERIAL DELEGATES

Seated l. to r.: Rev. Dale Anderson, Rev. Ted Mason, Rev. Eric Gray, Rev. Samuel Harrichand.
Standing l. to r.: Rev. Dean Matteson, Rev. Bernard Reimer, Mr. Randy Capp.

Convocation '80 is now but a memory—but what precious memories we carry with us from those blessed days together. What made it so special? Actually, several things stand out in my heart and mind. First, there was presence and blessing of God manifest through the preaching of the Word and in the lives of those who gave testimonies to His grace. There was precious fellowship—a real warmth of love and oneness. This fellowship included those who came as delegates from other countries or areas of ministry. There was that bond that

crosses man-made barriers.

Official ministerial delegates this year included Rev. Dale Anderson from Phoenix, Mr. Randy Capp, missionary to Muslim peoples, Rev. Eric B. Gray of Guyana, Rev. Samuel Harrichand of Canada, Rev. Ted Mason of Chicago, Rev. Dean Matteson of Michigan City, Indiana, and Rev. Bernard Reimer of Inscription House Navajo Mission in Arizona. Wives, other lay delegates, our retired pastors and our present staff at headquarters brought the official delegation number to twenty-four.

On the concluding day of the Convocation, October 5th, the following children were consecrated to God by Pastor Roger Ottersen:

Tara Grace Hanlon - Edgar W. Jr. & Cheryl L. Hanlon, 2411 W. 31st St., Zion, IL 60099

Jessica Lynn Hough - Michael & Jean Hough, 937 Landon Ave., Winthrop Harbor, IL 60096

Joseph Thomas Humphrey - George & Linda Humphrey, 400 Russell Ave., Winthrop Harbor, IL 60096

Carl James Koepke - Scott Carl & Linda Sue Koepke, 2508 W. 26th St., Zion, IL 60099

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Adam Paul Markoutsis - Peter & Deborah Markoutsis, 2917 Enoch Ave., Zion, IL 60099

David Edward Matteson - Edward & Doreen Matteson, 902 21st Street, Zion, IL 60099

Michael Andrew Rickert - Frederick August, Jr. & Sally Joanne Rickert, 302 Wadsworth Road, Zion, IL 60099

Philip Walter Rickert - Frederick August, Jr. & Sally Joanne Rickert, 302 Wadsworth Road, Zion, IL 60099

Amy Renee Zumalt - Donald and Gloria Zumalt, 2706 Gilboa Ave., Zion, IL 60099

On the Friday night of the Convocation, thirteen persons obeyed the Lord in baptism in the sanctuary of the Christian Catholic Church. They included Shay Burgess, Daniel Capp, Gary Hokanson, Lino Martinez, Don Miller, Sr., Don Miller, Jr. and Beth Ann Miller, Dennis G. Miller, Susan Patenaude, Todd Paxton, Scott Robinson, Wendy Robinson and Carrol Jane Richter.

Myron Wimmer, a new believer and one suffering with cancer, also longed to obey the Lord in baptism, so a special baptismal service was held for him on the following Tuesday afternoon in the Chapel. Less than three weeks later he was hospitalized and went to be with his Lord on November 1st.

Lt. Gary Cook, U.S. Army, and his wife, Diane, were to be transferred away from our area before the Convocation, so were baptized and received into fellowship on September 1st. They had found such close fellowship here in a short period of

time that they wanted to make this their church home. Harold and Vicki Birky were also received into fellowship on September 21st as they were to be out of town on October 5th.

Those receiving the Right Hand of Fellowship during the concluding service of the Convocation were: Daniel Capp, Gary Hokanson, Carey Mainord, Lino Martinez, Don Miller, Sr., Don Miller, Jr., Beth Miller, Dennis Miller, Susan Patenaude, Todd Paxton and Scott Robinson.

One of the high points in the concluding service of the Convocation was the ordination of Mr. Bhola Bipa of Guyana to the ministry of the Christian Catholic Church. Mr. Bipa is presently in the States attending Phillips University in Oklahoma, in a Master's Degree program. As his wife, Dolly, was here from Guyana as an unofficial lay delegate, one of the members of the church graciously paid the way for Mr. Bipa to fly up for the weekend. Though now on a leave of absence, Rev. Bipa is in charge of three of the Christian Catholic Churches in Guyana. Later we learned that Mrs. Bipa was granted extension of time in the United States to be with her hus-



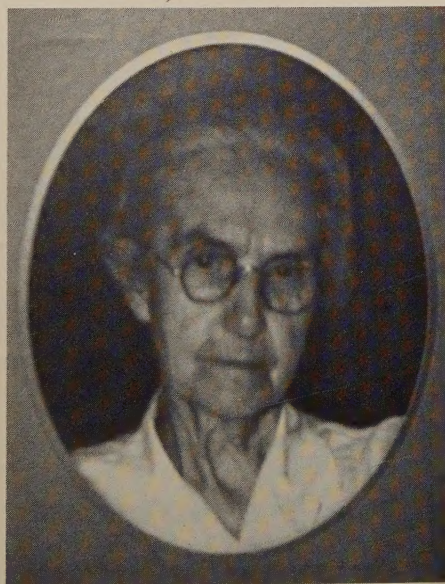
Rev. Bhola Bipa

band in Oklahoma. Pray for them both.

Like so many others we face a very tight budget. In every way possible we are looking for ways to economize without discontinuing needed programs or cutting back on missions—though we have had to do a little of this also. Thus, we were thankful for a good Sacrificial Offering of just over \$25,000.

The Convocation was concluded with the showing of the film, *A Thief in the Night*. It was really a blessed time together and this was in part indicated by the good, steady attendances each night.

Portrait Dedication In Lloyd Memorial Chapel



Deaconess Ellen Mae Lloyd

On Wednesday, October 1, during Zion's 80th Annual Convocation a special dedicatory service was held for a lovely portrait of Deaconess Ellen Mae Lloyd. The Lloyd Memorial Chapel was dedicated in her memory at

the time of the building of the Mintern Memorial Center and Gymnasium. However, since a number of years has passed by, many of our younger members and also new friends of our fellowship have been unaware of Miss Lloyd's ministry.

General Overseer Roger W. Ottersen had a time of tribute to Miss Lloyd for her years of faithful ministry and then had a dedicatory prayer for the portrait and re-dedication of the Chapel.

Miss Lloyd was born May 23, 1877 in England. She moved to the United States in 1905. During the early years of Miss Lloyd's life she was a sickly child and lived, what she related to be, an unhappy life. She always believed in God and as she grew older, enjoyed being in the sanctuary of churches in England. She recalled the deep impression she experienced while listening to the testimony of a Salvation Army man in an open air meeting as he shared his joy in Jesus Christ. She felt that this man testified to having something in his life which she knew she didn't have. Later in her life she did make a total

commitment to Jesus Christ.

She testified that she went from one church to another. Finally one day a lady in a particular church remarked that Gypsy Smith was coming to a nearby community to give the story of his conversion. Miss Lloyd replied that she wished she could be there but couldn't. The lady then informed her that she would bring her a book on his life. The next time she saw her, however, the lady stated that she had given the book to someone else, but that she had a pamphlet which she might enjoy reading.

She gave to Miss Lloyd a pamphlet entitled, "Do You Know God's Way of Healing?" written by Dr. John Alexander Dowie. This message was a revelation to her; she had been ill and it was especially helpful when she was taken to the hospital. She had been studying to be a nurse but during her hospitalization read the article over again and received tremendous encouragement. She became very sick. she began to claim the promise for herself that the Lord would be her healer. In answer to her prayer she experienced a real deliverance.

Miss Lloyd served the Christian Catholic Church in the city of Zion as a maternity nurse. She brought into the world approximately 3,000 babies, many of whom are living and active in our church fellowship even to this day.

Miss Lloyd went to be with her Lord in 1967, as she reached her ninetieth year. We thank God for her faithful ministry to hundreds of mothers in our community. She served her Lord with great vigor and commitment. We thank God for the lovely portrait that is now hanging on the wall of the Lloyd Memorial Chapel in our building complex.

Footnote

On August 28, 1953, Miss Lloyd delivered Nancy Minton, daughter of Earl and Dorothy Minton. All during the process of delivery, words, and especially promises from God's Word flowed from her heart and mouth and the presence of God was very real. Nancy was, as I recall, number 2,273 for her. At that time, Miss Lloyd charged \$30 for the delivery and about \$40 for room and board for a week to ten days for the mother to stay in Miss Lloyd's home following the delivery of the baby. Today, in our area, there are no mid-wives delivering babies and the cost of having a baby in the hospital begins at about \$1,500.

Christmas is more than a day at the end of the year

More than a day of joy and good cheer

Christmas is really God's pattern for living

To be followed each day by unselfish giving

Then peace on earth will come to stay
When we live Christmas every day.

—Copied

"O Holy Child of Bethlehem!

Descend to us, we pray:

Cast out our sin, and enter in:

Be born in us today."

—Phillip Brooks

When the wise men found Jesus, what did they see? Only a young child in a mother's arms in a simple house—nothing to indicate royalty. yet they fell down and worshipped Him. That was faith! But God also gave them assurance.

The Babe In The Manger

by W. S. Dillon

Do you worship the Babe in the manger,

But reject the Christ of the Cross?

Your redemption comes not by the manger,

But the death of Christ on the Cross.

If you worship the Babe in the manger,

But ignore the Blood of God's Son,

To you Christ is only a stranger

'Til you trust the work He has done.

Will you look past the Babe in the manger,

Will you look to Calvary?

Oh my friend can you see the danger
Of a lost eternity.

The Babe in the manger was God's only Son,

Who came to the world to die

The Babe in the manger could never have done

The work of His God on high.

The Babe left the manger and went to the Cross

To pay the wages of sin

Your way of forgiveness is not by the Babe,

But the Christ who died for your sin.

THREE KINDS OF LOVE

— or Love In Three Parts

He said He had a gift for me
even before I came to be

That could be enjoyed today
as well as throughout all eternity.

He showed me that it was a part
of a wonderful, incredible plan,

Available also, in addition,
to every other living man.

The gift was in the form
of love of a very special kind

It gave me a wonderful freedom and yet,

between my Lord and me it formed a bind.

For He took me in His everlasting arms,

and said if I obeyed He would keep me from ultimate harms;

That from the records my sins He would delete,

and the work He began in me He would continue and complete.

All I had to do was reach out
and take the gift from His Son,

Repent of all past sins
and from my fears cease the run.

You see this wonderful gift of love
cannot ever turn to sorrow

Because it was good for yesterday
and will be good for today and even
for tomorrow.

—Dorothy Harrison
C.C.C. Member, Zion

In Memoriam

Mr. Leonard Wilkenson
September 17, 1980, in Zion.

Mrs. James (Nancy) McGarrahan
September 24, 1980, in Zion.

Mr. Victor Emanuelson
October 4, 1980, in California.

Mr. Joseph Kessler
October 7, 1980, in Washington.

Mr. Dewitt Avery
October 29, 1980, in Michigan
City, Indiana.

Mr. Myron Wimmer
November 1, 1980, in Zion.

Mrs. Fred (Yvonne) Norris
(nee Scaccia)
November 6, 1980, in Zion.